

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 9, 2001**. Damp and rainy conditions continued throughout the week delaying harvesting of mature crops. Many reporters have also commented that the rains have begun to hurt mature crops. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 39 percent adequate, and 59 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	100	99	100	100	0	5	20	53	22
	Mature	91	88	100	97					
	Harvested	46	38	89	73					
	Silage Harvested	98	95	100	94					
Cotton	Open Bolls	74	52	90	80	9	11	34	38	8
	Harvested	3	--	12	6					
Rice	Heading	99	98	99	98	1	5	21	43	30
	Mature	83	64	60	68					
	Harvested	24	13	21	29					
Sorghum	Mature	98	91	96	91	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	69	55	81	62					
	Silage Harvested	82	70	78	75					
Soybeans	Turning Color	74	61	83	69	8	10	29	44	9
	Shedding Leaves	59	46	68	50					
	Harvested	20	12	32	20					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	84	82	86	89	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	16	14	27	21	2	8	27	50	13
Watermelons	Harvested	98	97	96	96	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	4	13	65	17
Pasture						0	2	16	60	22

County Agent Comments

“Rains and high humidity have caused problems for all crops. Soybeans, rice, grain sorghum, and cotton have really deteriorated in the past week. What was once a great crop is now not even an average crop.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“We received a much needed rain on our group 5 soybeans this past week. Tunica has not received the rainfall that has plagued many parts of the Delta, in fact we had a very dry August. Most of the group IV soybeans have been harvested and rice harvesting is well underway.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica County

“Rain has really put a damper on things. Milo is sprouting in the heads. A few cotton seeds are sprouting in the boll. A lot of cotton seed is just rotting in the boll. One field I was in yesterday had lost about half a bale to boll rot. It better dry up soon!”

— Stephens Winters, Grenada County

“Water has caused some sweetpotatoes to rot in the field. A lot of hay has been laying on the ground for a week and a half waiting on baling conditions.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw County

“Rain is delaying corn drying down to harvestable moisture. Rain is also preventing cotton from maturing normally. Hay harvest is at a standstill with rain coming almost every day. We need a couple of weeks of drier weather to allow crops the opportunity to mature and dry down.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

Weather Summary from September 3, 2001 to September 9, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	70	80	77	+ 3	0.17	-0.58	2	1.85	83	73	78	0.17
Cleveland	92	70	80			0.23		3	4.66				
Tunica	94	72	82	76	+ 6	1.47	+ 0.77	2	3.01	91	78	83	0.15
Extreme/Average	94	70	81	77	+ 4	0.62	-0.14	2	3.17	91	73	80	0.16
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	64	76	75	+ 1	0.00	-0.84	0	2.11	86	77	81	0.16
Memphis	91	69	81	77	+ 4	0.82	-0.02	2	2.03				
Oxford	92	70	79	75	+ 4	1.28	+ 0.40	2	7.37				
Extreme/Average	92	64	79	76	+ 3	0.70	-0.14	1	3.84	86	77	81	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	70	79	75	+ 4	1.32	+ 0.48	2	5.58				
Corinth	90	70	78	76	+ 2	1.36	+ 0.48	2	5.86				
Iuka	89	66	76			2.96		4	7.08				
Pontotoc						2.94	+ 2.06	4	6.86				0.15
Tupelo	90	70	79	77	+ 2	0.12	-0.69	4	4.30				
Verona													
Extreme/Average	90	66	78	76	+ 2	1.74	+ 0.86	3	5.94				0.15
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	91	69	80	78	+ 2	0.56	-0.16	5	8.25				
Rolling Fork	94	70	81	78	+ 3	0.63	-0.00	4	2.93	97	82	89	0.14
Stoneville	93	70	81	78	+ 3	0.31 E	-0.42	3	7.23E	91	76	82	0.18
Yazoo City	92	71	80	79	+ 1	0.27	-0.43	2	5.50				
Extreme/Average	94	69	81	78	+ 3	0.44	-0.25	4	5.22	97	76	85	0.15
5. Central													
Carthage	92	71	79	78	+ 1	1.66 E	+ 0.89	4	5.74E				
Jackson	91	70	80	79	+ 1	1.95	+ 1.11	5	6.46				
Winona	89	68	77	76	+ 1	1.34	+ 0.50	3	9.33				
Extreme/Average	92	68	79	77	+ 2	1.65	+ 0.88	4	7.18				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.65	-0.19	2	7.79				
Columbus	91	69	79	78	+ 1	2.06	+ 1.15	4	5.26				
State University	91	69	79	78	+ 1	1.20	+ 0.33	3	10.34	84	77	81	0.14
Extreme/Average	91	69	79	77	+ 2	1.30	+ 0.44	3	7.80	84	77	81	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	70	79			2.08		5	5.21	93	77	83	
Natchez	89	67	78	79	-1	1.57	+ 0.68	4	10.19				
Oakley	93	68	80	78	+ 2	6.32	+ 5.62	4	9.21	95	77	84	
Vicksburg	92	72	80			8.28		5	12.75				
Extreme/Average	93	67	79	79	0	4.56	+ 3.72	5	9.34	95	77	84	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	71	79	79	0	2.59 E	+ 1.49	6	8.05E				
McComb	91	69	79	78	+ 1	2.69	+ 1.57	6	8.12				
Extreme/Average	92	69	79	79	0	2.64	+ 1.66	6	8.09				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	92	69	79			2.00 E		6	4.54E				
Hattiesburg	91	68	79	79	0	5.18	+ 4.23	6	8.13				
Laurel	91	70	78	79	-1	0.62	-0.42	5	4.87				
Meridian	91	69	79	78	+ 1	2.83	+ 1.99	6	12.30				
Newton	91	67	77	77	0	1.71	+ 0.80	5	6.47	87	73	78	0.11
Extreme/Average	92	67	78	78	0	2.47	+ 1.51	6	6.00	87	73	78	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	68	79			2.90		6	6.26				
Biloxi AFB	88	72	80			1.27 E		4	5.68E				
Gulfport	88	71	80	81	-1	3.44	+ 1.98	6	5.05				
Pascagoula	91	71	81			2.26		6	4.22				
Poplarville	93	69	80	79	+ 1	2.04	+ 0.91	5	5.64	92	74	80	0.16
Extreme/Average	93	68	80	80	0	2.38	+ 0.98	5	5.65	92	74	80	0.16
State	94	64	79	78	+ 1	1.99	+ 1.11	4	6.49	97	73	82	0.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.